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The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary of the Interior-Designate  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary-Designate Zinke:

Congratulations on your confirmation as the Secretary of the Interior. The National Mining Association (NMA) cordially invites you to address the next meeting of our board of directors, scheduled for April 24-25 at The Ritz Carlton in Naples, Fla. NMA's board of directors is comprised of CEOs from the major U.S producers of coal, metal and minerals, as well as manufacturers of mining equipment and technology.

As the front end of America's supply chain—providing the raw materials and affordable energy required to grow and sustain a vibrant economy—NMA's members would be very interested to hear the administration's plans to move an agenda that will address permit delays, excessive regulations and other obstacles to the domestic mining industry performing to its full potential..

We thank you in advance for your consideration and hope your schedule will permit you to give remarks on Monday, April 24, during the morning session or luncheon. If Monday, April 24 is unavailable on your schedule, an alternative would be meeting with the NMA directors during the board meeting Tuesday morning, April 25. Please advise if there is anything that NMA can do to assist you and your staff to make the appropriate arrangements by contacting Rich Nolan, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, at (202) 463-3241 or [rnolan@nma.org](mailto:rnolan@nma.org).

Sincerely,

Hal Quinn